

LONGS FOR HER ABSENT OFFSPRING

Mrs. De Anderson Cries for Her Missing Son.

HAS HE DISOWNED HER?

Notorious Prisoner Shows Her Mother's Love When Shades of Night Darken Her Cell-room--Daughters Join in Sobbing.



Benjamin Franklin McCarter, Jr.

Since being confined in a cell on the upper tier of the east wing at the county jail, Mrs. Mary De Anderson, alias MacCartin, who also was known under a score of other names in as many cities and at least a half dozen States, and who was arrested by the sheriff's men on a charge of grand larceny and several for obtaining goods under false pretenses two weeks ago, appears to have a continual longing for her son Frank, who used the name of Carter, and MacCartin, and posed as a member of famous theatrical companies.

The woman has not seen her beloved boy in nearly three weeks, and while it is believed he writes almost every other day to his sisters, who were also taken in the raid, his handwriting has not the same fascination to the parent as his smiling countenance.

The son left the Nutley house where his mother and sisters were arrested the night before the visit of the county officers, and although they tried to communicate with him over the telephone at the time their efforts were fruitless.

The missing son, who is believed to be in New York city, is highly educated, and is not known to have taken any particular part in his mother's actions in this vicinity.

Mrs. De Anderson is 33 years of age, and suffering from a tumor. During the day she passes away the time knitting.

GHOULS RIFLE HUNDREDS OF GRAVES

Acres of Cemetery Undermined in Search for Jewels.

LYNN, Mass., Feb. 1.—The discovery was made today that a gang of thieves had been rifling graves in the Old Swampscott Cemetery.

The graveyards in a deserted district, and the thieves had thoroughly mined about two acres of the enclosure, working, perhaps, for months. Hundreds of graves had been opened, and it is evident from the work done that the valuables and jewelry recovered made it a paying proposition.

In one old tomb marked "The Newcomb Heirs," eleven coffins had been ransacked. Not a thing but dust and bones remained. The Swampscott Cemetery was used 100 years ago by the wealthiest families of the commonwealth.

FLÉE FIRE AT WINTER RESORT IN FLORIDA.

Hamilton Hotel, at White Springs, Destroyed and Patrons Barely Escape With Lives.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Feb. 1.—The Hamilton Hotel, a tourist resort on the banks of the Suwanee River at White Springs, Fla., was completely destroyed by fire last night. The house was filled with winter visitors and many had narrow escapes. All cottages and outbuildings on the hotel property also were destroyed.

The estimated loss is about \$100,000. The fire was caused by a defective electric light wire.

CHIEF TAX CLERK

LOUIS BOEHME SWORN INTO OFFICE TODAY.

Changes Position With William Ward in Assessor's Office--In Department for Nineteen Years

Louis Boehme was sworn in as chief clerk of the city tax department today by Assistant City Clerk Martin G. Bross, jr. William Ward, whom he succeeds, was sworn in as a tax assessor, an exchange with his Democratic successor as head of the department.

As was told in the EVENING STAR when the Tax Board became Democratic at the first of the year by the appointment of Thomas F. Preston in the place of Commissioner Frederick Paul, Republican, whose term expired, many changes were expected, but so far the Boehme promotion is the only one. Mr. Boehme's appointment means \$300 a year more to him, \$1,800 a year instead of \$1,500.

The new chief clerk has been in the city tax department since its organization, nine-



Louis Boehme.

teen years ago, and under successive political changes has never been disturbed, his experience and capability being of such high character that when the political axe fell he was immune.

Mr. Boehme was born in the old Sixth Ward, and still resides in it. From early manhood has been identified with a Democratic party. Several times he refused to leave the tax office to run for an elective office on his party ticket.

When the change was decided upon four of the more experienced Democratic clerks in the office were mentioned in connection with the chief clerkship, and it was only after several weeks consideration that Mr. Boehme was decided upon.

Next week the personnel of the tax department will be materially changed by the Democratic majority, so that the men of the different political faiths will be equalized. At present there are thirteen Republican assessors and eight Democrats, and a Republican majority of one in the tax surveyor's department. To equalize, some Republicans will be displaced, to make eleven of each party.

President John L. Carroll wants the civil service basis of the office maintained.

Nash Guttor, secretary of the board, notified the clerical force officially of the change, and told them that all information must come through him or Mr. Boehme.

3 WAITRESSES, 2 COOKS, DIE IN FLAMES

Five Others Hurt in Fire in Kansas City Rooming House.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 1.—Five persons were burned to death and five others were injured in a fire in a three-story rooming house at 1116 Wyandotte street, near the business section, this morning.

The dead: Mrs. Jennie Bert, aged 29, Harrisonville, Mo., waitress. Mabel Porter, aged 18, waitress. Nina Graves, aged 18, waitress. Peter Rooney, aged 34, cook. Charles Johnson, aged 28, cook.

The fire started from an explosion of natural gas in the basement. The flames and dense smoke spread quickly throughout the building, and before an alarm could be given all means of escape by the ordinary exits had been shut off.

The five persons who lost their lives were asleep on the third floor, and all were burned to death in their rooms. Evidently they had been suffocated, and none apparently had even made an attempt to escape.

The injured slept on the lower floors and in the basement. Most of these escaped without aid, fighting their way through the flames and smoke. The firemen were able to rescue others from the burning building.

WOMAN LEAVES FUND TO BUY BREAD FOR POOR.

Bequeathes \$5,000 to Trustees of Her Church to Feed City's Hungry.

LANCASTER, Pa., Feb. 1.—The will of Barbara Hauer, for a number of years a resident of Marietta, leaves \$5,000 to the trustees of the German Lutheran Church at Marietta. The same amount is bequeathed to the trustees of the church, the interest of which is to be used to purchase bread for the poor of Marietta.

CONFESSES STEALING OF LIQUID GOLD

Employee of Precious Metal Refinery Used Knowledge to Solidify Metal.

SOLD METAL TO JEWELER

Employee of Emil Schneider Was Enabled to Live High-Indulged in Luxuries on \$10 a Week. Furniture Dealer Became Suspicious

The police have in their possession at the present time two confessions which they say will clear up the robberies at the gold refinery of Emil Schneider, at 305 South street. In the confessions, the police say, William Johnson, a negro, 22 years of age, of 25 Calumet street, has admitted stealing at least \$350 worth of gold. He says he sold it to George Bernard, of 221 Mulberry street. Bernard has also made a confession admitting receiving the stolen goods, according to the police.

The arrests were made yesterday by Detective-Sergeants Tuttle and Horter, though Johnson has been detained at headquarters since Tuesday. Acting Captain Connell, of police headquarters, with the two detective-sergeants, trying for three days to get Johnson to make a confession.

Photographs, new clothes and the best of living led to the undoing of Johnson. Up to six months ago Johnson barely managed to make his \$10 a week salary meet his demands.

Recently, when the gold was beginning to disappear at the refinery, Johnson began to look more prosperous and went to a furniture store with a \$50 bill recently, and the proprietor, after accepting \$20 as part payment for some furniture, refused to carry out the transaction.

The furniture man was suspicious, and communicated with Johnson's employer.

A week ago Friday more gold disappeared, and Detective-Sergeants Tuttle and Horter were detailed on the case, and they began to trace the movements of Johnson. They found out where he had bought expensive clothes, graphophone, records and other luxuries that \$10 a week salary did not purchase.

Yesterday Johnson admitted his wrongdoing. He admitted taking the gold, which was originally in liquid form, and by a process which he learned in the refinery concentrated it into lump form and sold it to Bernard, who has a jewelry store at 221 Mulberry street. Johnson got \$118 for it. The gold was valued by the owner at over three times that price.

The police are charging Johnson with grand larceny and Bernard with receiving stolen property.

Both men were arraigned before Judge Howell in the First Criminal Court this morning. Johnson was held in \$500 bonds to await the action of the Grand Jury and Bernard was held in \$1,000, heavy bail in the case of Bernard being demanded by Judge Howell, following out his policy of holding all people charged with receiving stolen property in that sum.

BABY OFFERED AS LOTTERY PRIZE

Theatre Patrons in Arms Over Drawing for Infant.

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 1.—Incensed at what they term an "insult to motherhood," women in Minneapolis are banding together in an effort to compel the manager of a local theatre to desist from his announced plan of giving away chances on a 6-week-old child to all women who attend a matinee performance. The women declare they will attempt to get an injunction from the district court to prevent it.

The theatre maintains that it is a legitimate advertising scheme, in which many women who wish a child will be more than willing to participate.

A baby has been provided, and if nothing happens to prevent, the human lottery will continue as outlined, the child going to the holder of the lucky number.

SEVEN ON LIGHTER SUNK BY STEAMER: MATE LOST?

Captain and All Aboard but One Saved. Mistake About Signal Lights Cause of Smash.

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—A steam lighter of the New York Central Railroad, with Captain William F. Ward and seven men on board, was run down and sunk last night off Governor's Island by the Mallory liner Colorado, bound out for Brunswick, Ga., and Mobile, Ala. It is feared that Dominick Corry, mate of the lighter, was drowned. The other men were saved.

Inability to read the signal lights on the lighter is said to have been the cause of the accident.

WHY RING WENT BACK

M. D. TWICE MARRIED AND MISS GREEN'S SENIOR.

Said That Family Opposed Her Marrying Dr. Darlington for These Reasons and She Yielded.

[Special to the Evening Star.]

TRENTON, Feb. 1.—Following the breaking of her engagement to Dr. Thomas Darlington, of the health department, of New York city, and the departure of Miss Susanne Green, well known in the best social circles, for Europe with her brother, Henry W. Green, railroad capitalist and lawyer, relatives confirmed the report of the broken engagement, and through them it was learned that Miss Green, who is of a highly nervous temperament, had broken down, and her condition made an ocean voyage imperative.

The affair has created a great stir among Miss Green's set, many of whom say that the girl was guided entirely by her brother in the breaking off of the engagement. The brother's reason, it was said, for this course is that Dr. Darlington has been already twice married, and was divorced from his second wife. Another reason which is said the brother urged is that Dr. Darlington, who was born in 1858, is much older than Miss Green. Mr. Green's opinion, it is understood, is shared by other members of the family, although it is reported that other relatives of Miss Green were not so determined in their objections to the match as was her brother.

The engagement was announced several months ago and society began elaborate preparations for the wedding, which was to have taken place this winter. It was later announced that the wedding would be a quiet one because of the recent death of the prospective bride's mother. Then came the announcement that the engagement was off altogether.

Since the death of her mother, Mrs. Charles E. Green, who was a warm personal friend of Mrs. Grover Cleveland, of Princeton, Miss Green has made her home in this city with her aunt, Mrs. Robert F. Stockton. The Green family has been prominent in New Jersey since colonial days, the male members of the family having served as judges in the highest courts and having been actively connected with the best educational institutions. The late John C. Green founded the Lawrenceville Preparatory School, a Presbyterian institution near Trenton.

STUDENT DIES IN CORNELL BLAZE

Athlete's Charred Body Is Found in Fraternity Lodge Ruins.

ITHACA, N. Y., Feb. 1.—From the ruins of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity house at Cornell University, which burned yesterday, has been taken the charred body of J. S. Kiehle, a junior in mechanical engineering.

That any lives had been lost was not known until a meeting of the fraternity was held today, when a roll-call developed that Kiehle was missing. The ruins were searched and his body was found near the elevator shaft, where the fire originated.

Kiehle was from Minneapolis, and was one of the squad tried out for the football team last fall. The loss through the burning of the fraternity house is \$25,000.

YANKEE FLEET ANCHORS IN STRAIT

Fighting Bob, Enveloped in Fog, Feared to Take Narrows' Risk.

PUNTA ARENAS, Strait of Magellan, Feb. 1.—The American fleet of sixteen battleships, which entered the Strait of Magellan yesterday afternoon, is anchored today in Possession Bay, some twenty miles to the westward of Dungeness Point, where the strait proper begins. This information has reached here by wireless telegraph.

The fleet was off Dungeness Point at noon yesterday, according to telegraphic advices from that place, but appeared to be scattered on account of a heavy fog which made the weather very thick at the entrance of the strait. The vessels were assembled again, however, and entered the strait, passing Dungeness Point at 2 o'clock, proceeding in single file. They were next sighted off Cape Possession, which is fifteen miles west of Point Dungeness.

Possession Bay is only a few miles west of Cape Possession, and about five miles from the entrance to the first narrows. It affords good anchorage, and it is thought here that Admiral Evans decided to anchor the fleet rather than take any risk in navigating the first and second narrows between Possession Bay and Punta Arenas.

THAW NOT GUILTY



HARRY KENDALL THAW.

MASKED MEN NOT GUILTY ROB SENATOR PLEA TO MURDER

Potter, of Rhode Island, Facing Pistols, Gives Up \$1,000--Is Then Bound.

SOITUAU, R. I., Feb. 1.—While State Senator Henry H. Potter, town clerk and tax collector, was at work in his office last night he was robbed of \$1,000 by three masked men, who entered and, presenting revolvers, demanded that he surrender all money in his possession. Senator Potter was alone, and complied with the demand. The robbers took away \$300 belonging to the town, the proceeds of tax collections, and about \$200 of Potter's own money. After securing the money the men fled Mr. Potter's hands firmly behind his back and departed. The predicament of the senator was not discovered until some time later, when his assistant returned to the office from supper. There is no clue to the identity of the masked men.

20 LOSE LIVES IN FIERCE TORNADO

Sweeps Mississippi, Destroying Property--Many Are Injured.

JACKSON, Miss., Feb. 1.—A tornado swept through parts of Copiah and Lincoln counties, causing the loss of probably twenty lives, injuring many persons and destroying much property. Six persons are said to have been killed outright and four to have died of their injuries near Wesson, Copiah County.

Messengers arrived at Hazelhurst, Copiah County, in quest of physicians. They reported the loss of several lives and the injury of a number of persons. The tornado swept a pathway nearly a mile wide, damaging or destroying nearly every building in Wesson. Scores of dead farm animals littered the tornado's track.

At Georgetown buildings were blown down, and at Hazelhurst, two mills were destroyed. Centre Point reported much damage, but there was no loss of life.

Darkness settled down so quickly after the tornado that only an incomplete estimate of the destruction is obtainable.

DOG BALKS ROBBERS

WISE BOWWOW WAKES UP THE FAMILY.

Investigation Proves That Attempt Was Under Way to Enter North Seventh St. Home.

A small dog prevented robbers from getting into Oscar Groeschner's house at 27 North Seventh street about 1 o'clock this morning by awakening the family.

It was found that the robbers were trying to force open a window in the rear of the house.

BUTCHERS' AND GROCERS' Supplies: Macknet & Doremus Co., 79-78 Broad st.—Ad.

JURY SAVES RICH SLAYER FROM CHAIR

Insane When He Killed White--Ordered Committed to An Asylum.

FOURTEEN BALLOTS TAKEN

Littleton Secures Delay in Removal to Matteawan--Defendant and Family Pleased at Finding--Dines With Evelyn in Court Room.

IMPORTANT DATES IN HARRY THAW'S CAREER

June 25, 1906—Crime committed. January 23, 1907—First trial opened. March 20, 1907—Trial stopped for lunacy probe. April 4, 1907—Prisoner declared sane by lunacy commission. April 12, 1907—Jury discharged after disagreement (7 for conviction, 5 for acquittal). January 6, 1908—Second trial opened. January 31, 1908—Case given to jury. February 1, 1908—Jury finds him not guilty on the ground of insanity at the time of the crime. Is committed to Matteawan Asylum.

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—Acquitted today of the murder of Stanford White on the ground that he was insane at the time of the commission of the homicide, Harry Kendall Thaw was ordered by Supreme Court Justice Victor J. Dowling to be committed to the Matteawan Asylum for the Criminal Insane until such time as he can convince the State Lunacy Commission that his being at large will not endanger the public safety.

Thaw was led back to the Tombs across the Bridge of Sighs, and will remain there until the sheriff can plan for his transfer to the up-State institution. Both Thaw and his wife, the latter being the only member of his family in court when the jury unexpectedly returned its verdict, after a deliberation of twenty-five hours, seemed pleased and satisfied with the outcome of the case.

Thaw stood and smilingly bowed his acknowledgements to the jurors as they filed one by one out of the box.

District Attorney Jerome also seemed satisfied, as he has contended ever since the crime was committed that Thaw was medically if not legally insane.

Thaw's counsel thanked the jurors with a hearty handshake for each one of the twelve.

Attorney Littleton also filed an exception to Justice Dowling's decision in retaining Thaw in custody and committing him to the asylum.

Only a few spectators were allowed to enter the courtroom when the jury reported. Justice Dowling warned them against any demonstration whatsoever, but, despite this, one young man broke out into vociferous applause as the foreman uttered the first words of the verdict, "Not guilty."

He was immediately arrested, arraigned before Justice Dowling, after the jury had been discharged, and fined \$25 for contempt of court.

It was 12:40 o'clock this afternoon. Just twenty-five hours after the jury had retired, that the first word came from the jury's council room. An officer was dispatched to Justice Dowling in his chambers that the twelve men were ready to report.

District Attorney Jerome and counsel for the defense quickly assembled, and young Mrs. Thaw rushed to her accustomed chair in the court room. Justice Dowling took his seat on the bench at 12:42 p. m., and it was about five minutes later that the verdict was announced.

The jurors as they took their places (Continued on Third Page.)

RUN CLOSES BANK

HOME OF BROOKLYN HAS TO SUSPEND.

Depositors Had Been Withdrawing Since October, But Climax Came Yesterday.

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—The Home Bank of Brooklyn, a State institution, on which a run was started yesterday, did not open for business today.

The Home Bank is a small institution located in South Brooklyn. It has a capital stock of \$100,000 and a surplus and undivided profits amounting to \$33,000. Its closing is without bearing upon the general financial situation. The deposits, which formerly averaged about \$300,000, have been reduced greatly since the October panic.